

FOUR BIG PROJECTS

WASHINGTON PROMISED
MUCH FROM RECLAMATION.

Okanogan, Yakima, Palouse and Douglas County Schemes Seem to Be Feasible and Comprise Total Area of 1,361,600 Acres—Congressman Humphreys Reviews the Situation and Is Hopeful of Immediate Action.

Four desert land reclamation projects in Washington which have been investigated by the federal reclamation service and found feasible from an engineering and commercial standpoint, cover a total irrigable acreage of 1,361,600 acres of land now worthless, but which, once reclaimed, will support a population of one person per acre.

One of these projects, the Okanogan project, is immediately feasible and there is now no obstacle in the way of ordering the immediate inauguration of work upon it.

The Yakima project confronts but two obstacles, and these removed, work on it can be commenced at once.

The Palouse project is feasible from an engineering and commercial standpoint, but the cost per acre of reclaiming the land under it is higher than that under other schemes, and it is improbable that the department will commence it while there are cheaper schemes available.

The fourth project is an enormous one, contemplating the reclamation of 1,000,000 acres of land in Douglas, Adams and Franklin counties, at a comparatively low cost per acre, but the total cost is so great that it cannot be undertaken until some of the money invested in other schemes has been returned to the reclamation fund.

This outline of the reclamation situation in Washington, was made last evening for the Seattle News by Congressman William E. Humphreys, who returned yesterday morning from Spokane, where he accompanied the congressional committee on irrigation.

While on that trip Congressman Humphreys went over all of these projects with the government engineers, and experts in charge of the investigations in this state and ascertained the views of those gentlemen in detail on each particular undertaking. Reviewing the reclamation situation, Congressman Humphreys stated that the Okanogan project, recently resurveyed by the government engineers, is now considered immediately feasible, and it is extremely probable that work on it will be ordered commenced at once.

The Yakima project, which in fact is a number of projects, covering lands in the Yakima valley, is confronted by two obstacles, only one of which is considered to be at all serious.

The first of these is the insistent efforts of State Land Commissioner Ross to induce the secretary of the interior to approve of the state selections of 55,000 acres of land claimed under the Carey act. The second is the private ownership of the Sunnyside canal in order to carry out its schemes to the best advantage.

However, it is not anticipated that any serious difficulty will be experienced in getting it, as the government engineers and officials look with much favor on the proposal the company has made to sell out its entire holdings.

IMMENSE POWER SCHEME.

Electric Line From Snake River to Salt Lake Is Possible.

Salt Lake, July 1.—One of the most important steps towards utilizing the vast power of Snake river and bringing it to Salt Lake in the form of electrical energy will be taken within the next two weeks when work will begin on an 11,000 foot canal to be built at Auger Falls by the Shoshone Power company.

The contract for building the canal has just been let to William B. Slick and Brother, contractors of this city, for about \$250,000. This sum also covers the erection of the headworks. Frank Bagley, general attorney for the Shoshone Power company, and Mr. Slick, at the Kenyon hotel yesterday afternoon told of the plans to deliver in Salt Lake within the next 16 months not less than 36,000 horse power.

That means that over three times as much power as is now developed by the Utah Light & Railway company through all sources will be conducted over 170 miles of wire from the distributing station two miles below Auger falls to this city.

Even this large quantity of horse power does not represent the total capacity of the plant when completed for the canal will yield 8000 second feet of water and with a fall of 140 feet this will generate 55,000 horse power.

Work will begin on the construction of the canal within two weeks, said Mr. Slick yesterday, and should be completed within 12 months. A force of 75 men with 50 teams will be put on at the beginning. The canal will be 130 feet wide at the top, 55 at the bottom and will be 12 feet deep.

TRANSMISSISSIPPI CONGRESS.

Sixteenth Annual Meeting to Be Held in Portland August 16, 17, 18 and 19.

The sixteenth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress is called to meet in Portland, Ore., August 16, 17, 18 and 19, 1905. This organization is composed of delegates from all the commercial and industrial bodies of the states and territories west of the Mississippi river. Appointments are also made by the governors, mayors of cities, and boards of county commissioners.

Gathering together in state and ter-

ritorial delegation on the floor of the congress, measures are discussed affecting the various sections and the result in the recommendations takes the form of resolutions which are referred to a general committee on resolutions consisting of two from each state and territory which holds continuous sessions.

After considerable labor a report is submitted by that committee which, after general discussion by the congress, goes to the national congress as a recommendation of the organization. These recommendations are for legislation along commercial lines only, and are taken to Washington by a congressional committee, the most influential that can be selected, and presented by this committee to the committees of both house and senate, whose duty it is to act upon the specific measures so recommended.

It is a simple, business-like way of keeping the commercial interests of the Trans-Mississippi region in direct touch with the national congress and has been most effective in securing good legislation with results that have been most beneficial.

At the coming session there will be the usual topics affecting rivers and harbors, internal improvements, trade relations with the Orient, irrigation and reclamation of arid lands, good roads, forestry, mines and mining and other subjects of vast interest to the western states.

The indications are that there will be large delegations from all the states and territories and that the speakers who will take part in the discussions will be men most influential in public affairs.

The keynote of the congress will be the Oriental trade, and the discussion upon this subject will be far-reaching. The location of the congress upon the Pacific coast at this particular time, when momentous affairs are of daily occurrence over the world, gives to the coming session more than the usual amount of attention.

Public men will be present to discuss the Oriental trade and the best methods to expand the commercial influence of this country, which will be a sufficient guarantee that the meeting will be of more than national interest.

FOR OUR FOREIGN COMMERCE.

Special American Agents Will Soon Go Abroad.

Washington, D. C., July 1.—The act passed by the last session of congress giving to the department of labor and commerce authority to send special agents abroad to investigate trade conditions with the object of promoting the foreign commerce of the United States, becomes operative today and the department is making arrangements to take immediate advantage of its provisions. Within the next week or two five special agents selected for the mission will be sent abroad.

The five agents chosen for the work are Charles M. Pepper, Harry R. Burrill, Raymond F. Crist, Dr. Edward Bedloe, and Professor Lincoln Hutchinson of the University of California. Messrs. Burrill and Crist will go to the Orient. Professor Hutchinson will go to South America and visit all the important seaports on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of that continent. Mr. Pepper will go to Canada, and subsequently to Mexico. Dr. Bedloe will be sent to the West Indies, Venezuela and British, Dutch and French Guiana.

It is expected that the investigation will be completed in the field by the close of the present year, and that all the agents will have their final reports ready for congress in January.

NOME STEAMER IN PORT.

The Valencia Brings Down 21 Passengers and \$400,000 in Treasure.

Seattle, July 1.—Bringing the first passengers of the season from the interior of Alaska via the down-river route the steamship Valencia of the Pacific Coast Steamship company's fleet arrived in Seattle at 9 o'clock this morning. After leaving Nome the Valencia stopped at St. Michaels to discharge cargo for Tanana and other up-river points and to take on passengers and treasure there for this port. In all she brought 21 passengers, chiefly from the interior, and \$400,000 in treasure.

The Valencia sailed for Nome from San Francisco, being one of the two steamships dispatched for that destination by the Southern port. Her cargo was made up in large part of supplies for the northern trading posts of the Northern Commercial company.

Boys Killing Birds.

The police are investigating the report that a number of boys in the city, equipped with traps are sacrificing the song birds that have during the past few years become very plentiful in the city. An instance is cited where one boy was proudly displaying eight birds that had been slaughtered. These birds included two robins and a canary. There is a city ordinance that provides a penalty for the killing of birds in the city, and those who have viewed with horror the work of the boys have reported the matter to the police.—Lewiston Tribune.

Killed a Cougar.

A few days ago Walter Reeves, who resides in Red Rock canyon, killed a young cougar. About noon Mr. Reeves heard a commotion among his chickens and went out to investigate. He saw the cougar, and after it had whipped off Mr. Reeves' dogs he called to his father to bring him the gun, and he dispatched the varmint. It measured about five and one-half feet from tip to tip.—Lewiston Tribune.

Hall at Caldwell.

One of the worst hail storms we have had here for years descended in this vicinity last Saturday and did quite a good deal of damage to fruit, and garden stuff. The hailstones were from a quarter to a half inch in diameter, and came down so fast that the ground was covered to a depth of an inch.—Caldwell News.

NEWS OF MILTON

PREDICTS A HEAVY WHEAT CROP IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Returned to Starbuck—Rathbone Sisters—Off to the Portland Exposition—Threatened With Typhoid Fever—Lecture by Rev. Coombs on "Darkest China"—Attended the Apple-Redd Wedding.

Milton, June 30.—Mrs. V. H. Chastain went to Pendleton Wednesday evening to attend the Apple-Redd wedding.

W. W. Dorothy returned yesterday morning to Starbuck, after a few days visit with his parents.

Tonight the Rathbone Sisters will give a social.

This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Miller and daughter, Miss Florence, will leave for Portland to attend the exposition.

W. A. McGhee is here for a few days from his homestead in Franklin county. Mr. McGhee says the grain in that county is unusually good this year, and he predicts a large yield from his own farm.

Miss F. A. Sikes came home yesterday from Portland, where she had been for a week.

Mrs. M. M. Dittbrandt is quite ill, threatened with an attack of typhoid fever.

Tonight Rev. J. O. Coombs will deliver a lecture at the new opera house. His subject will be, "Through Darkest China."

Bank's Big Dividend.

New York, July 1.—Stockholders of the Fifth Avenue bank, among whom Russell Sage is one of the largest, received today, in addition to the regularly quarterly dividend of 25 per cent, declared out of the profits of 1903 and 1904. This brings the return on the stock for the last two years up to 160 per cent a year, which is the largest per cent in dividends paid by any New York bank. The Fifth Avenue bank is capitalized at \$100,000, and, according to the last statement of its condition, has undivided profits amounting to \$1,789,500.

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Big Salmon in Boise River.

D. S. Austin wears the belt, he having landed a 40-pound salmon yesterday at the Barber dam. He managed the fish in the side with a sturgeon hook.—Boise Capital News.

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